



FORESTRY CONTEST



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March 2017 Newsletter

A Reminder to Coaches!

Date: Thursday, May 11

7:30 am to 2:00 pm

Delay Tree Farm, Careywood

Hwy 95, Mile Marker 455

 **Free Barbecue Lunch**

Attached pre-registration form is due by April 14th.

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2550 Hwy 2 West
Sandpoint, ID 83864

If you have questions or need help with the form, contact Karen at her email listed above, or call her at the IDL office 208-263-5104.

On Contest day, plan to **arrive by 7:30 am** so final registration can be completed and your group can join in the **8:30 am group picture**. And please plan to stay for the post-contest lunch and awards ceremony, which ends by 2 pm.

Junior Division—Grades 7-8 & Senior Division—Grades 9-12

Competition consists of 4-member teams and individual competition. Each contestant receives an individual score and the four team members' scores are combined into the team's total. Awards are presented to both team and individual winners in both Jr and Sr Divisions. Contestants can compete just as individuals, you do not have to be on a team to compete. To prepare for the contest, study the 2016 Forestry Contest Manual, the "Regional Noxious Weeds" booklet, and "Logging Selectively." The updated Manual is online at the websites below, and if you need either of the 2 booklets, call Tom Johnson at 263-5104, and you can call Tom for coaching assistance if needed.

Rookie Division - Grade 6 ~ or ~ Novice Division (non-competitive)

Two options for grade school students. **Rookies** are 6th graders (or younger) who study the manual and register to compete in the **Rookie Division**. The **Rookie** course has 4 scored stations: Tree ID, Compass & Pacing, Cruising, Scaling, and 2 Introductory stations (not scored): Silviculture and Map Reading. **Novices** are grade school students who do not want to compete, but register as **Novices** and are given an introductory "Forestry Tour" led by a professional forester aimed at students who have never been to the Forestry Contest before. Teachers can choose to register part of their classes as Rookies & the rest as Novices

Download 2016 Forestry Contest Manual - 2 chapters updated - 1.0 Scaling & 2.0 Cruising

The Forestry Contest Manual is posted online at www.bonnerswcd.org - under Youth Programs – Forestry Contest, and on the IDL website at www.idl.idaho.gov/forestry/contest/.

Contact Forestry Contest Coordinator Karen Robinson, IDL, at 263-5104 or krobinson@idl.idaho.gov if you have any questions about registration or the Manual.

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Registration ~ Group Picture ~ Weather

- ◆ 7:30—8:30 Finalize Registration at the Contest
- ◆ 8:30—8:40 Group Picture
- ◆ 8:40—9:05 Announcements
- ◆ 8:50-8:55 Novices walk to Novice Course, start at 9:00
- ◆ 9:00 Juniors & Seniors sent to Jr/Sr Course (20 min. walk)
- ◆ 9:05 Rookies sent to Rookie Course (15 min. walk)
- ◆ 9:30—Jr/Sr and Rookie Competitions begin

Be prepared for ANY WEATHER! Please encourage participants to bring warm clothes, comfortable shoes or boots, rain gear (or a large, sturdy garbage bag with holes cut out for head & arms), sunscreen, insect repellent, water bottle, 2 sharp pencils, and clipboard (or hardboard with rubber bands). If the weather is nice, the warm clothes or raincoats can always be left in the vehicles. Lunch is provided (free).



T-Shirts for Sale

T-Shirts will be for sale at the Contest. The Co-op in Sandpoint has helped provide the Contest with a Carhartt long-sleeve, green T-shirt with the embroidered Forestry Contest Logo for **\$20**.

Volunteers are Needed

Anyone interested in volunteering at the Contest, please contact Karen Robinson at krobinson@idl.idaho.gov, or call the Idaho Department of Lands at 208-263-5104.